

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed September 2, 2005 and telephonic interview of November 14, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6 and 7.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lawrence Stahl on November 14, 2005. the purpose of the amendment was to clarify the scope of the claims.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, on line 6, "an" has been replaced by -- on --.

In claim 1, on line 8, "and" has been deleted.

In claim 1, after line 8, the following paragraph has been inserted:

-- a first conveyance path extending from said conveying roller around said first both-side roller and said second both-side roller and returning to said conveying roller; and -- .

In claim 2, on line 1, "a" has been replaced by -- the --.

In claim 2, on line 2, "conveying" has been replaced by -- conveyance --.

In claim 2, on line 2, -- around -- has been inserted between "from" and "said".

In claim 2, on line 2, -- and said second both-side roller -- has been inserted between "roller" and "is".

In claim 2, on line 2, "a second conveying" has been replaced by -- the substantially linear conveyance --.

In claim 2, on line 3, "returning from said second both-side roller upstream" has been replaced by -- downstream --.

In claim 3, on line 4, -- between -- has been inserted after "switch".

In claim 3, on line 5, "conveying" has been replaced by -- conveyance --.

In claim 3, on line 5, "second conveying" has been replaced by -- substantially linear conveyance --.

In claim 4, on line 3, "conveying" has been replaced by -- conveyance --.

In claim 4, on line 5, "second conveying" has been replaced by -- substantially linear conveyance --.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach or render obvious a recording apparatus as claimed, particularly including two conveyance paths extending from a conveying roller, one which extends around first and second both-side rollers and the other which is disposed between the first and second both-side rollers.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

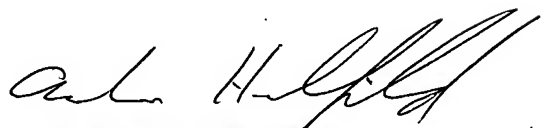
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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jill E. Culler whose telephone number is (571) 272-2159. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 9:00-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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